INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION PROGRAMS, GRANTS & SERVICES COMMITTEE

June 4, 2015 Arts Commission Office, 100 N. Senate Avenue, Room N505

Nancy Stewart, Chair

Minutes

Members present: Pam Hicks, Nancy Stewart

Members via teleconference: Al Rent, Micah Smith

Members absent: Linda Levell, Allen Platt, Trevor Yager

Arts Commission staff present: Michelle Anderson, Ann Fields, Dennis Hardin, Becca Hopson, Lewis Ricci, Paige Sharp, Adrian Starnes

Note: Due to lack of quorum, no actions were taken during this meeting. All action items will be deferred to a special meeting of the Programs, Grants & Services Committee to be convened prior to the next meeting of the full Commission on June 19, 2015.

- 1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Commissioner Nancy Stewart called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves.
- 2. **Consent agenda.** No action was taken.
- 3. **Consultancies Update.** Arts Commission Director of Programs Paige Sharp reported that all of the recent Community Consultancies have been completed.
- 4. Capacity Building Program Update. Arts Commission Communications Manager Ann Fields reported that Requests for Proposals are now being accepted for FY 2016 in the Capacity Building Program. Four goals have been established for prospective partners: 1) measuring and communicating community impact; 2) artists as community leaders; 3) strengthening community fabric; 4) best practices "bubble up". These goals were identified through the current Strategic Plan and various surveys over the last two years. RFPs must be submitted by August 12, 2015.
- 5. **PACE Second Payment Recommendation.** Ms. Sharp reported that first payments have been processed for the four organizations partnering with schools in the Partnering Arts, Communities and Education (PACE) program for school year 2015 2016. The Arts Commission Program Department asks that the PGSC recommend that the full Commission delegate to the PACE Advisory Committee the authority to approve the Implementation Phase funding for the program. The PGSC members present reached consensus to recommend such approval to the full Commission.

- 6. **Bicentennial Update.** Ms. Sharp reported on developments involving the Arts Commission in the 2016 2017 state Bicentennial celebration. Projects include development of a Bicentennial Plaza adjacent to the Statehouse, two sculptures, and a Bicentennial Medal. Ms. Sharp presented handouts (attached) of the final draft guidelines for the Indiana Masterpieces and the Arts in the Parks programs, both of which received special state funding in connection with the Bicentennial. The PGSC reached consensus to recommend approval by the full Commission.
- 7. **New Initiative Announcement.** Arts Commission Executive Director Lewis Ricci reported that a special event has been scheduled for Friday July 10, 2015 at Brown County State Park, for the official announcement of the Arts in the Parks program and the Indiana Masterpieces program. First Lady Karen Pence will appear at the 11:00 a.m. ceremony. All Commissioners are encouraged to attend.
- 8. Funding Recommendations. Mr. Ricci presented handouts (attached) explaining aspects of the funding process which was undertaken for all FY 2016 Arts Commission grants, including the Individual Artist program, Regional Arts Partners, Regional Initiative Grants, and Arts Operating Support Level III grants. Mr. Ricci explained that there are more eligible organizations for FY 2016 and that in several instances, organizations which have received prior grants in Arts Operating Support categories have migrated upwards to higher levels of funding. Those two factors, combined with a grant pool which did not increase from FY 2015, resulted in average lower funding levels overall for FY 2016. Mr. Ricci remarked that the process is "more complex than it looks", and offered his thanks to Deputy Director Michelle Anderson, Director of Programs Paige Sharp, and Grants Manager Adrian Starnes for their diligent work in the details of the recommendations. All recommended funding was presented to the PGSC in a packet (attached) which the PGSC examined and reached consensus to recommend approval by the full Commission. Commissioner Pam Hicks remarked that the Arts Commission staff has earned "a gold star for integrity" in its effort to maintain fairness to all.
- 9. **Old Business.** There was no old business.
- 10. **New Business.** The Programs, Grants, and Services Committee will be convened in a special meeting on June 19th, 2015, prior to the start of the Quarterly Business Meeting. All action items deferred from today's meeting will be presented for approval at that time.
- 11. **Adjourn.** Outgoing PGSC Chair Nancy Stewart thanked everyone for their participation throughout the past year, and closed the meeting at 2:25 p.m.